

# WAITAKI LINK

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NEWS FROM WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Photo: Friendly Bay by Nathan Meikle

OAMARU'S FRIENDLY BAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 9 MARCH 11AM - 3PM

LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD STALLS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES

Free

## A DAY OF FAMILY FUN AT FRIENDLY BAY

Beach days at Friendly Bay are an Oamaru tradition dating back to the days of straw boaters and ankle-length swimming bloomers.

And blooming lovely it still is, so bring the whole whanau to Friendly Bay on Saturday 9th March from 11am to 3pm for a family fun day with plenty of FREE things to do. The weather will be outstanding, of course, so pack the sunblock, bring a blanket and spend the day sandcastle building, bouncing on inflatables and getting faces painted. There'll be live music to tickle your eardrums and food stalls to feed an appetite. A day out for everyone, brought to you by the Waitaki District Council and Harcourts.

## DON'T BE A LIMESTONE COWBOY

Waitaki District Council's Heritage Advisor Heather Bauchop has started a column for our website, masonry agony aunt-style. Her first has some tips for the care of limestone buildings:

"Looking after limestone means letting it breathe: repairs should be in permeable lime mortars, plasters and renders. Any coatings should be permeable. Contemporary materials such as Portland cement or acrylic paints are relatively impermeable and prevent water getting in, but they also stop it getting out. You can tell water is not getting out when paint bubbles or blisters, and when render fails or cracks. Locking in the damp means it rises up the walls. Along with making sure there is good drainage, using traditional finishes help keep the stone in good condition."

Read the full article on our website <http://bit.ly/WDC-building-news-limestone>



## GET FUNDED WITH COMMUNITY GRANTS

Don't miss out on a chance for a funding boost for your community group or project!

**Community Group Grants** have been established by the Waitaki District Council to assist not-for-profit organisations and groups with projects. A project may include one-off programmes, services or activities that benefit the community. The **Creative Communities Scheme** is supported by Creative New Zealand to encourage community participation in the arts, support cultural diversity and enable young people to engage with the arts. And the **Sports NZ Rural Travel Fund** helps subsidise rural travel for junior sport teams aged between 5-19 years.

All info, including closing dates and application forms can be found on our Community Grants & Awards website page, Council offices and Waitaki District Libraries, or contact Carole Hansen at [chansen@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:chansen@waitaki.govt.nz).



## BREAKWATER GAINS A FEW TONNES

Why is the Waitaki District Council like the band Queen? Because we will rock you - providing you're a breakwater. Rooney Earthmoving have completed the placement of 1820 tonne of basalt rock as part of the rock armouring project from the Ramsay's Extension to the north tip of the breakwater. This provides much needed protection of the aging structure.

## PUBLIC LECTURE ON GLOBAL GEOPARKS



World expert on global geoparks, Professor Patrick McKeever will give a public lecture on 'The Role of Geoparks in a Changing World' at the Oamaru Opera House on Feb 19 at 6pm.

Professor Patrick McKeever was instrumental in establishing the first Global Geoparks in 2000. As Head of Ecological and Earth Sciences at UNESCO and advisor to the Global Geopark Network, he has undertaken numerous expert missions, advising countries on every continent regarding the creation of UNESCO Global Geoparks. In New Zealand as a guest of the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark Trust, this talk will allow Patrick to share his knowledge of geoparks worldwide, his impressions of ours, and what it means for our district.



## STEPPING UP @ THE LIBRARY

Got a computer or smartphone? Want to use it for life, hobbies, family or work? Stepping UP free computer classes are for you!

Stepping UP is free community-based training that builds your digital skills and knowledge in small easy steps, in subjects that interest you for your life or work. Each self-paced module takes two hours, in a relaxed and sociable space, with a friendly library tutor there to help. Enrol now for FREE upskilling classes at Waitaki District Libraries and never stop learning, Waitaki!



## FOOD BUSINESSES: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

It's the final countdown for existing businesses that make, sell and/or transport food to meet the 28 February 2019 Food Act registration deadline.

Most food businesses have now registered, which is excellent. New Zealand Food Safety, local councils and industry organisations have been working hard to help all remaining businesses meet the deadline.

If existing food businesses are not registered by the 28 February deadline, they will be operating un-registered businesses, and MPI and local councils may need to take enforcement action. So, immediate action needs to be taken if you have not already registered.

Not sure what to do? Check online at the MPI website and search "Where do I fit" or call our Environmental Services Team on 03 433 0300.



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